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FIRST ANNUAL PRAISE SERVICE SUNDAY

The Promotional Department announces "PRAISE SERVICE" for Sunday afternoon January 4th, 4:00 o'clock sharp.

This will be the first Song Service at Pine Street this season and promises to be quite a popular service. Each individual can participate in this festivity of song and praise.

Just one hour and not a moment more—4 to 5 Sunday, January 4th, 1925.

The Bible Study class met Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. J. W. Hutt being absent, the discussion was led by Prof. Bruce of Jefferson City Missouri. Everyone left feeling they well understood the teaching of Jesus and of Paul concerning man's political duty. The following men seemed to manifest great interest in this class: Messrs. H. Stovall, A. Mannher, J. B. Wilson and Theo. Carter. Each promised to come and bring some one Sunday morning. Subject: "Did Jesus believe in and teach the equality of woman with man? Led by Rev. C. J. Stanley of Liberty Congregational Church.

REV. DR. JENNY AT PINE STREET NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Chester E. Jenney, Pastor First Presbyterian Church will be the speaker at the "New Years" Service Sunday, January 11th at 4 p. m. Dr. Jen-

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MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Did it ever occur to you that the Pine Street Branch Y. M. C. A. has existed in St. Louis for over 20 years? During this time it has developed from an organization of limited scope and small equipment to its present strength where it is serving over 2000 men and boys of this city. Its object has always been the highest and truest development of young men. Its doors are open to every young man who is ambitious to succeed in life assisting him to reach the goal.

The enjoyment of membership privileges is not restricted to occupation or religious belief. Character is the only test. The theory of the Association is to help young men to help themselves. It is impossible to furnish so many privileges at such nominal cost to young men but it has been made possible through the generosity of the good citizens of St. Louis.

During all these years the Association has given opportunity to the thousands of young men and boys and we feel confident in saying that the Y. M. C. A. is an open door of opportunity for efficient manhood—in spirit, mind and body.

Success, like other securities of life, is locked up with a combination, membership in the Y. M. C. A. gives the combination that opens the door because it offers all the facilities for building a strong body, mind and soul—the true essentials for a successful life.

The building is open daily.

The big attractive lobby is the social center for men—here is where fellowship and good cheer reign supreme.

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Editorials

THE CLOSED LEDGER

The business office of every institution and concern is busy adjusting accounts, paying and collecting bills, balancing its books so as to make a final report of gains and losses, resources and liabilities. The board of directors, executive committees, presidents and managers of these institutions are anxiously awaiting the financial statements which shall give a summary of its business for the past year. With many there will be net gains and therefore dividends will be paid; with others there will be losses and reserved funds will be drawn to cover the deficits; lest they begin the new year without a clean slate—without an open ledger. I conscientiously hope that there has been a splendid balance, a net gain and an enlarged resource in each business concern throughout the world.

We have referred to the business institutions and the records which confront them, but are they all who need to take this inventory; who need to balance their accounts; who need to be concerned about an open ledger; a clean slate; an unhampered future for 1925? I say no. We have all been bookkeepers —keeping the records of a personal life and in our cash and purchase books, journals and ledgers are recorded the deeds and acts of our lives; our dealing with mankind for the last 365 days. Have you balanced up your accounts? How does your statement read? Conscious is your manager, character is your board of directors and God is your president. With what degree of anxiety shall you submit your annual statement for 1924?

Were we to think seriously and at length on the above inquiry, there would be indeed many sad countenances, but there is an asylum of hope in that 1925 presents to each individual a new set of books with perfectly white inserts upon which never a man has written. The past is history. Close the vault on those records of 1924 and count them lost in the archives of imperfect deeds and take a fast hold of the undaunted books and post with the utmost care the fine records and accounts of a perfect life. May we abide by the golden rule in each transaction with our fellowman; may we close each day's account with the assurance of having served an honest career, for "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT

The monthly Parent Night Exhibition was held in the gymnasium last Friday night. Coming the day after Xmas it was expected that the holiday program of our patrons would keep our attendance down. There was a goodly number out, however and the boys went through their part of the program to the satisfaction of all.

We are starting now for an added feature by our senior class for our next exhibition. It is our purpose to make these programs so attractive that all the membership and many of our friends will enjoy them. The next parent night exhibition will be January 23rd. Please reserve us that night, and we will guarantee you an exhibition worth while.

WEEK-DAY BIBLE STUDY SET-UP JAN. 21ST

More men should study systematically—The Bible. To this end the Religious Work Department at Pine Street will set-up its first week-day classes Wednesday, January 21st, at 8 p. m.

The classes will be limited to 40 students this winter. There will be five tables provided for the Set-up Services at which time a special luncheon will be served. Special program presenting four outstanding Religious leaders will be rendered. The tentative plan is to place the 40 tickets in the hands of Sunday School superintendents for distribution upon request from members of adult Bible classes and teachers. Courses to be used are "The Meaning of Faith," and "The Meaning of Prayer" by Harry E. Fosdick. For information telephone or call to see Promotional Secretary—Room 211, telephone station No. 11. Make your application early so as to gain assignment at a luncheon table of 8.

FOUR WONDERS OF THE LOBBY AND DORM

Why F. A. J. is looking so sad since she went away?

When time has removed the spirit of Christmas from J. M. C.'s bones we wonder if he will continue to wake every body on the second floor at 6 bells in the morning for the sake of Mr. Dawson?

Why Christmas has excused all secretaries from morning devotions?

Are all of F. Y.'s phone calls from his mamma or "sweet mamma?"

REV. DR. JENNEY AT PINE STREET NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

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ney's subject will be: "The Abiding Christ."

This New Years service will be one of our most effective programs during the 1924-1925 season. We are asking our many friends to reserve the afternoon of January 11th to be spent at Pine Street "Y" New Year's Service.

DORM AND LOBBY VISITORS AT PINE STREET Week December 28, 1924

Prof. N. C. Bruce of Dalton, Mo.
Mr. W. T. Bradshaw of Louisville, Ky.
Mr. A. O. Jeffries
Dr. J. E. Dibble of Kansas City, Mo.
Atty. L. A. Knox of Kansas City, Mo.
Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago, Ill.

DORM NEWS

We are glad to see Mr. Chas. Anderson enter into the Pine Street family.

Our January Calendar

Sunday Meeting 1925
4 p. m.
"Y" AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY

4th Praise Service.

11th Dr. Chester E. Jenney—St. Louis First Presbyterian church
"The Abiding Christ."

18th Senator A. H. Roberts—Chicago Upper House, Illinois State Legislature.
"Share with Others"

25th Dr. Hubert E. Harrison — New York Lecturer—Board of Education, New York City
"Seeking Our Own Salvation".

You and your friends are invited.

BOYS' DIVISION NEWS
NEW YEAR NOTES

The New Year begins with an Athletic Tournament between the "Pine Street" and Ellearsville "Y" Midget base ball teams and the Junior basket ball teams. Read the next week's TORCH for results.

But—Monday marks the beginning of a new year's work in all boys classes and clubs. Everything will start off with a BANG Monday when the Midgets enter the gym at 4:15 and the Juniors enter Bible class at 5:00 o'clock 1925 will be the greatest year Pine Street Boys' Division has ever known. Every wise Pine Street boy will begin the year right at the "Y".

Seniors are coming into a new day as 1925 begins. With two or three regular employed boys' clubs and a real Comrade Club to begin the year with—feathers are sure to fly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 on.

The Holiday Lobby Tournaments showed that the boys really like competition in tournament form. 1925 will be full of checker, pool and curoque tournaments. Get in on them.

The Juniors have two first class pool tables. The midgets will soon have a brand new curoque table in addition to the one they now have. The Senior table will be in first-class condition by Monday. Checkers are for everybody. These and the other lobby games will give every body an opportunity to enjoy the lobby. How can any boy stay away from such a swell boys' club room!

BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Say fellows, how do you like the new pool table in the Boys' Division? Too bad Louie had to be the firs. one "chumped" on it.

Who will win the tournaments? Finals to be played in Curoque, Pool and Checker Tournaments Saturday. If you are not in them see them.

Here is one thing sure. Benson might get sick but he will recover as long as they are playing basket ball.

Solve these mysteries: Why is it that Culp stumbles so much? What is it that Bouyer doesn't know? How does Price wear out the knees of his pants?

Lobby tournaments will be conducted each month for Juniors, Seniors and Midgets. WHO WILL THE CHAMPIONS BE?

The Pioneers are making a study of institutions owned and run by Colored people. Watch for results.

DON'T forget the "PEP" meeting next Friday. Movies at 5 and "PEP" programs at 6 p. m.

HOW IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT AS THE NEW YEAR STARTS?

JUNIOR BASKET BALL LEAGUE

Results of Saturday's Games

Buffaloes beat Wild Cats 17-16.
Cubs defeat Panthers 19-6.

HOW THEY STAND

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cubs	4	0	1000
Wild Cats	2	2	500
Buffaloes	1	3	333
Panthers	1	3	333

Games To Be Played Saturday

Panthers vs Wild Cats
Cubs vs Buffaloes.

—HEAR—

Rev. Dr. Chester E. Jenney

Pastor First Presbyterian Church

AT THE

Pine St. New Year's Service

Sunday, Jan. 11—4 p. m.

SUBJECT: "THE ABIDING CHRIST"